

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **SB 2992 - HB 3074**

February 14, 2000

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires an employed TennCare applicant applying for coverage as uninsured or uninsurable to file a letter from their employer stating that such person does not have access to insurance through the employer. Also requires a similar letter for a child eligible for TennCare whose parent is employed but uninsured. Requires such letters to be submitted annually. Eligibility cannot be denied solely because an employer refused to provide such a letter.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease State Expenditures - Net Impact - Less Than \$100,000**  
**Decrease State Revenues - Less Than \$100,000**

#### **Other Fiscal Impact:**

**Decrease Federal Expenditures - Net Impact - Less Than \$100,000**

#### **Assumes:**

- a need for two staff and associated expenses in the TennCare Bureau to receive and review the letter of application. Cost estimated at approximately \$50,000 (\$25,000/state and \$25,000/federal).
- the bill will decrease the number of enrollees in the TennCare program with a resulting decrease in state and federal expenditures. The amount of such decrease cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed the cost to implement the bill by an amount of less than \$100,000.
- since the bill is targeted to employed enrollees, it is assumed that many in this group currently pay premiums that are used to match federal funds. The bill may result in a decrease in state revenues from the loss of premium revenue. The amount of any such decrease cannot be determined but is estimated to be less than \$100,000.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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